

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A tongue cleaner apparatus comprising:  
  
an elongate body with a gripping area at one end and a tablet receiving area adjacent an opposite end;  
  
a cleaning edge formed at said opposite end of said elongate body; and  
  
a tablet affixed within said tablet receiving area of said elongate body, said tablet having a plurality of protrusions or a plurality of indentations on a surface of said tablet.
2. The apparatus of Claim 1, said tablet being dissolvable upon contact with human saliva.
3. The apparatus of Claim 1, said plurality of protrusions being convex.
4. The apparatus of Claim 1, said plurality of indentations being concave.
5. The apparatus of Claim 3, said tablet having one end secured to an underside of said tablet receiving area of said elongate body, said tablet having an opposite surface positioned outwardly of a rim of said tablet receiving area, said plurality of protrusions extending outwardly from said opposite surface.
6. The apparatus of Claim 4, said tablet having one end secured to an underside of said tablet receiving area of said elongate body, said tablet having an opposite surface positioned outwardly of

a rim of said tablet receiving area, said plurality of indentations extending inwardly of said opposite surface.

7. The apparatus of Claim 1, said cleaning edge extending downwardly from said opposite end of said elongate body for a distance less than a distance that said tablet extends downwardly from said tablet receiving area.

8. A tongue cleaner apparatus comprising:

an elongate body having a generally planar surface having a cleaning edge extending downwardly from said planar surface adjacent one end of said elongate body, said elongate body having an orifice formed through said planar surface adjacent said cleaning edge; and

a tablet affixed to an underside of said elongate body adjacent said cleaning edge, said tablet having a plurality of protrusions or a plurality of indentations extending from a surface of said tablet opposite said planar surface.

9. The apparatus of Claim 8, said elongate body having a rim extending downwardly around at least a portion of a periphery of said planar surface, said tablet extending downwardly from said planar surface for a distance greater than a distance that said rim extends downwardly from said planar surface.

10. The apparatus of Claim 8, said tablet having a portion positioned directly below said orifice.

11. The apparatus of Claim 8, said tablet being dissolvable upon contact with human saliva.

12. The apparatus of Claim 8, said plurality of protrusions being columnar.

13. The apparatus of Claim 8, said plurality of protrusions being semi-spherical.

14. A tongue cleaner apparatus comprising:

an elongate body having a generally planar surface with a rim extending downwardly therefrom around at least a portion of a periphery of said planar surface, said elongate body having an orifice formed through said planar surface generally adjacent one end of said elongate body; and

a tablet affixed to an underside of said elongate body adjacent said one end of said elongate body, said tablet having a plurality of protrusions or a plurality of indentations extending from a surface of said tablet opposite said planar surface of said elongate body.

15. The apparatus of Claim 14, said elongate body having a cleaning edge extending downwardly from said planar surface adjacent said one end of said elongate body, said tablet positioned adjacent said cleaning edge.

16. The apparatus of Claim 14, said plurality of protrusions being columnar.

17. The apparatus of Claim 14, said plurality of protrusions being semispherical.

18. The apparatus of Claim 14, said tablet being dissolvable upon contact with human saliva.

19. The apparatus of Claim 14, said tablet having a portion positioned directly below said orifice.

20. The apparatus of Claim 15, said cleaning edge extending downwardly from said planar surface of said elongate body for a distance less than a distance that said tablet extends downwardly from said planar surface.